WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Complaints regarding Marketing of some Petroleum Products in Gujarat and Delhi

*523. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from the consumers about the sale of under-weight cylinders by LPG agencies and adulteration in Petrol/Diesel/Kerosene in Gujarat and Delhi during the year 1993 and so far during the year 1994; and

(b) the details thereof and number of persons arrested and action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) According to the Oil Companies the number of established complaints is as follows:

	Gujarat		Delhi	
	1993	1994 up March)	1993	1994 (upto March)
1. Underweight cylinders	4	..	7	1
2. Adulteration in Petrol	..	..	..	..
3. Adulteration in Diesel	..	..	..	..
4. Adulteration in SKO	..	..	..	..

No person has been arrested in this regard. The LPG distributors found guilty of supplying underweight cylinders were warned and the cylinders were replaced

Performance of Visakhapatnam Port

*526. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any appreciable growth of traffic and use of Visakhapatnam Port during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of tonnage carried by this port during the above period;

(c) whether the turn-around time for ships is increasing; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to reduce turn-around time for ships in Visakhapatnam Port ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The volume of cargo handled by Visakhapatnam Port during the last three years alongwith the growth rate over the previous years is as under:

Year	Cargo handled (Million tonnes)	Percentage growth over the previous year
1991-92 . . .	21.52	10.8
1992-93 . . .	22.77	5.8
1993-94 . . .	25.60*	12.4

(*Provisional figure)